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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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For: CONNECTOR SYSTEM FOR A
PROXIMALLY TRIMMABLE CATHETER

Examiner: M. Mendez

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 24, 2008, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-16 and 34-47 for continued examination without traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-16 and 34-47, drawn to a catheter connector system for a catheter
- II. Claims 17-27 and 48-53 drawn to a kit for connecting a catheter to extracorporeal medical equipment
- III. Claims 28-32 drawn to a proximally trimmable catheter system
- IV. Claims 33 and 54-55 drawn to a method of attaching a catheter to extracorporeal medical equipment

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-16 and 34-47) for continued examination without traverse.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing (480062001900). However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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